Docket No. 244839US3DIV

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Daisaku KUROKAWA, et al. GAU: Unassigned SERIAL NO: New Application **EXAMINER:** Unassigned FILED: Herewith FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING OXYGEN CONCENTRATION IN A BEVERAGE PRODUCTION PROCESS REQUEST FOR PRIORITY COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313 SIR: ■ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/148,198, filed June 7, 2002, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120. ☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. **Date Filed** Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below. In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority: COUNTRY APPLICATION NUMBER MONTH/DAY/YEAR Japan 2000-326126 October 25, 2000 Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s) are submitted herewith ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee were filed in prior application Serial No. filed were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT/JP01/09289 filed October 23, 2001. Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304. ☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and ☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s) are submitted herewith will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee Respectfully Submitted, AK McCLELLAND, Gregory J. Maier Customer Number Registration No. 25,599

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